

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* PLANTING COTTON, RICE, CORN, SOYBEANS AND SORGHUM

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RELEASED: April 26,1999 3:00 p.m.– Temperatures for the week were above normal with no rainfall during most of the week except for Friday night and Saturday bringing cooler temperatures according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included planting of row crops, and fertilizing pasture and scouting wheat for armyworms, septoria, and rust.

CROPS: Planting rice, corn, and sorghum was reported by several counties. Fertilizing and applying herbicides to wheat. Tomatoes were being staked, green beans were being planted, watermelons were being cultivated and peaches and other fruit trees were being sprayed for diseases.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle, and wean calves. Cattle were given vaccinations, treated for worms, and were reported in good condition statewide. Producers continued to sell cattle off wheat pasture.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Planted	28	45	38					
COTTON								
Planted	4	2	6					
RICE								
Planted	33	52	46					
SOYBEANS								
Planted	5	6	6					
CORN								
Planted	77	86	89					
WHEAT				0	2	14	54	30
Headed	72	70	55					
OATS				0	1	18	57	24
Headed	70	71	63					
ALFALFA				0	0	50	40	10
OTH. HAY				0	1	44	51	3
PASTURE				0	6	39	50	5

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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